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SUBJ: SYG INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA

1. DURING TOUR OF HORIZON APRIL 26, SYG WALDHEIM TOLD ME HE HAD HAD VERY GOOD TALKS WITH MULLER AND EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO SUBMIT HIS REPORT ON NAMIBIA ON MONDAY, APRIL 30 AS SCHEDULED. MULLER HAD BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING BUT APPEARED TO BE HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING CABINET APPROVAL FOR PAPER HE AND WALDHEIM HAD DRAFTED AND AGREED ON. SYG DISTURBED BY NEWS THAT TWO LONG SA CABINET MEETINGS HAVE NOT ENDORSED PAPER. SA PERM REP VON HIRSCHBERG TOLD SECRETARIAT HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY HOW FAR MULLER HAD GONE.

2. WALDHEIM SAID DRAFT PAPER INCLUDES INTER ALIA SAG UNDERTAKINGS THAT THE PROCESS OF SELF- DETERMINATION WILL INVOLVE CONSULTATION OF NAMIBIANS " AS A WHOLE"; THAT SELF- DETERMINATION EXERCISE WILL NOT BE COMPPROMISED BY EXISTING REGULATIONS OR ARRANGEMENTS (READ BANTUSTANS): AND THAT SAG WILL COOPERATE WITH SYG ON THE TIMETABLE AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR SELF- DETERMINATION EXERCISE. HE SAID MULLER HAD BEEN THINKING IN TERMS OF 10 YEAR TIME FRAME. WALDHEIM HAD STUCK FOR " FIVE TO TEN YEARS" FORMULATION, BUT THOUGHT IT BEST THAT WRITTEN STATEMENT NOT BE SPECIFIC ON THIS POINT, WHICH WOULD TEND TO DISTRACT AFRICANS
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FROM POSITIVE FEATURES OF SA POSITION. WALDHEIM THOUGHT " FIVE TO TEN YEARS" PHRASE WOULD BE EASIER TO SWALLOW IF IT RELEASED ORALLY, RATHER THAN IN WRITTEN FORM.

3. SYG HOPES TO HAVE ANSWER FROM SOUTH AFRICANS BY APRIL 28.
WALDHEIM WAS GRATEFUL FOR REPRESENTATIONS WE HAVE MADE TO SAG
IN SUPPORT OF HIS EFFORTS. NOTING THIS CRITICAL MOMENT IN
SOUTH AFRICAN DECISION- MAKING PROCESS, HE ASKED US TO WEIGH
IN ONCE AGAIN IN CAPETOWN PROMPTLY. I URGE WE DO SO.
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